

Application of:

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Attention: Application Branch

Date: April 19, 2001

Attorney Docket No.: BAL-36 (BA00170)

Art Unit: 3763

Our Account No.: 04-1403

Title: "SILICONE ELASTOMER MATERIAL  
FOR USE WITH ENTERIC FEEDING DEVICE"Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The following completes the filing of the above-identified patent application under Rule 53 (f)/63:

- ☒ Rule 53 signed Declaration enclosed.
- ☐ This is a Rule 47 filing per attached Petition.
- ☐ Enclosed: Original signed Declaration with attached specification (including claims) which is a copy of specification/claims originally filed to secure above filing date.
- ☐ Specification originally filed in non-English language; hence verified translation attached of:
- ☐ Abstract ☐ \_\_\_ pages of Specification (only spec. & claims) ☐ Drawing Figs.
- ☐ \_\_\_ sheet(s) of formal drawings enclosed: size: ☐ A4 ☐ 14" ☐ 8½ by 11
- ☒ Attached is an assignment to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc.
- ☐ Priority is hereby claimed under rule 55 and 35 U.S.C. 119 based on prior foreign application(s) no(s).  
\_\_\_\_\_, filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, respectively.
- Certified copy (copies) ☐ attached; ☐ already filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in U.S. Application, Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Attached: \_\_\_ Verified Statement(s) establishing "small entity" status under Rules 9 & 27.
- ☒ Attached is the request return copy of the PTO Notice under Rule 53(f)/63.
- ☒ Attached: Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment: \_\_\_\_\_

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PER MPEP § 506 AND § 607**

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petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this response is filed for which the  
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**PATENT**

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: BAL-36 (BA00170)

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Serial No.: 09/733,161	)	Art Unit: 3763
Filed: December 8, 2000	)	Deposit Acct. No.: 04-1403
Title: Silicone Elastomer	)	
Material For Use With	)	
Enteric Feeding Device	)	

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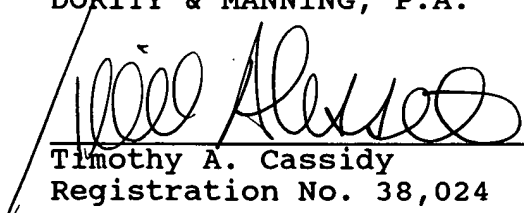
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Dear Sirs:

Please note that the above-captioned application is based on  
and claims priority to a Provisional Application having Serial  
No. 60/170,000 filed on December 9, 1999.

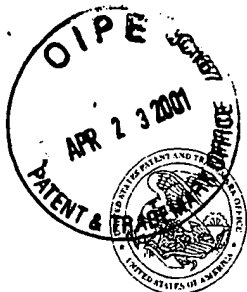
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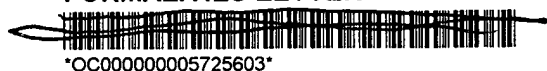
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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

### Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

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